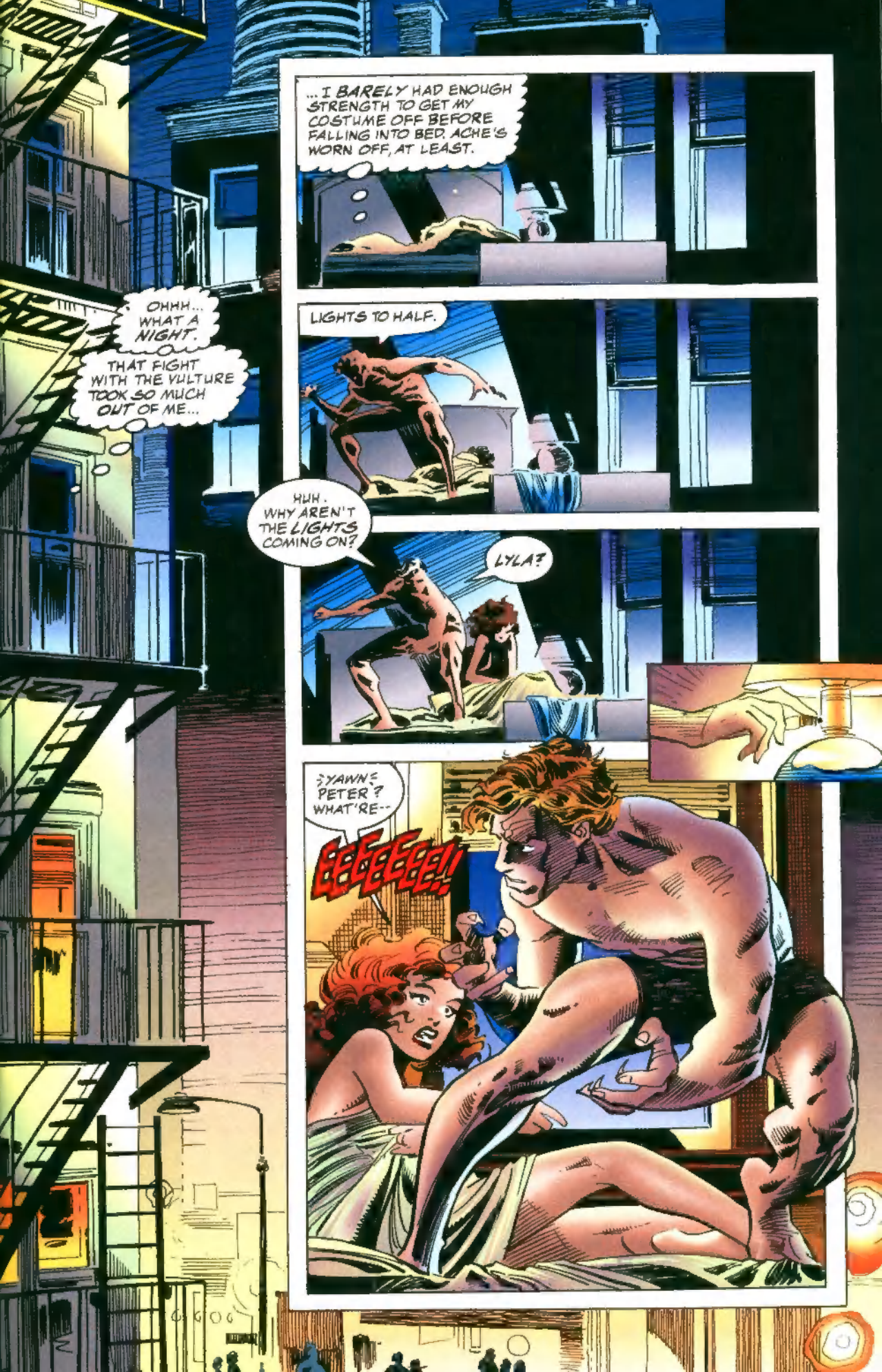
NEW YORK...
IN THE YEAR 2099.
MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE DOING THIS AGAIN.
IT WAS A ONE SHOT! A FLUKE!
I'M TELLING YA, THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL RUN INTO FLYBOYS AG--
AW NO! I DON'T SHOCKIN' BELIEVE IT!
WAIT! IS THAT...?
ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE SOME THINGS...

YOUR CHANGE IN COSTUME CAN'T FOOL US, SPIDER-MAN!
YOUR ACTIVITIES-- INCLUDING CRIPPLING SEVERAL OF OUR OFFICERS -- HAVE LABELED YOU A PUBLIC MENACE! SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY!
SURE! FINE! I'LL DO THAT AS SOON AS YOU GUYS DROP YOUR ZAPGUNS AND EXPLAIN HOW I WOUND UP IN THE MIDDLE OF "BLADE RUNNER!"
ANY VOLUNTEERS? NO?
THWIP
THEN I'LL JUST KEEP DOIN' WHAT COMES NATURALLY!
CONVERGE! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

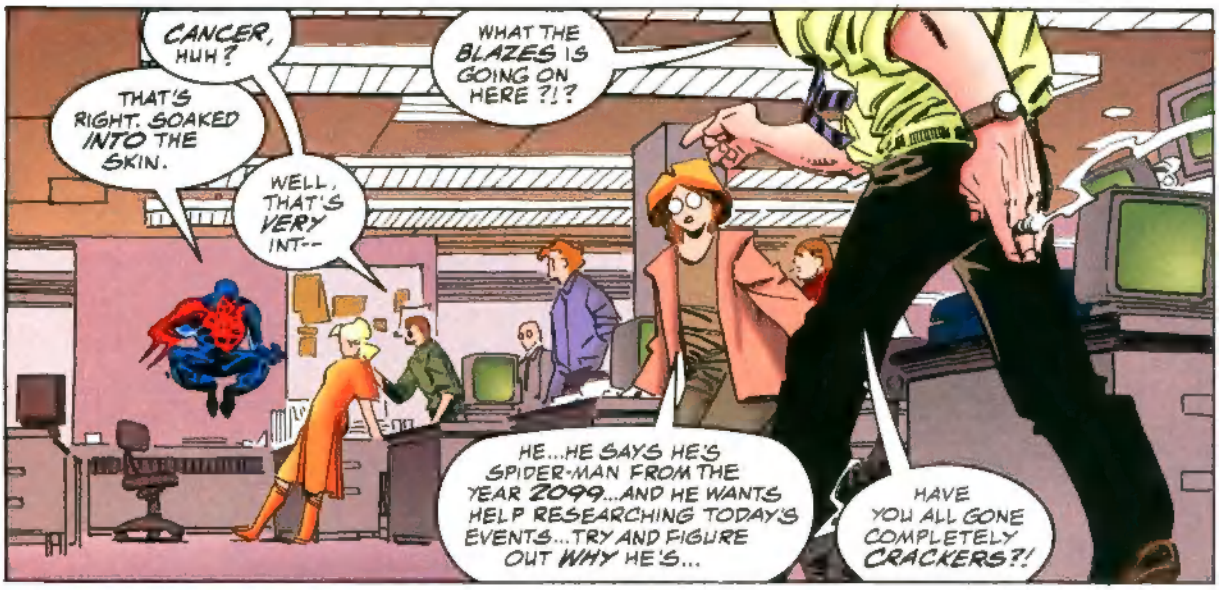
OOOOF!!
THERE NOW! SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GUNS FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS?
MAYBE YOU'LL FINALLY GET AROUND TO PASSING SOME GUN CONTROL LAWS.
YOU'RE SURE YAMMERING A LOT MORE THAN USUAL!
WELL, THAT'S 'CAUSE I'VE GOT YEARS OF YAMMERING TO CATCH UP ON.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! HE MOVES LIKE LIGHTNING!
AND I'M TWICE AS HOT!

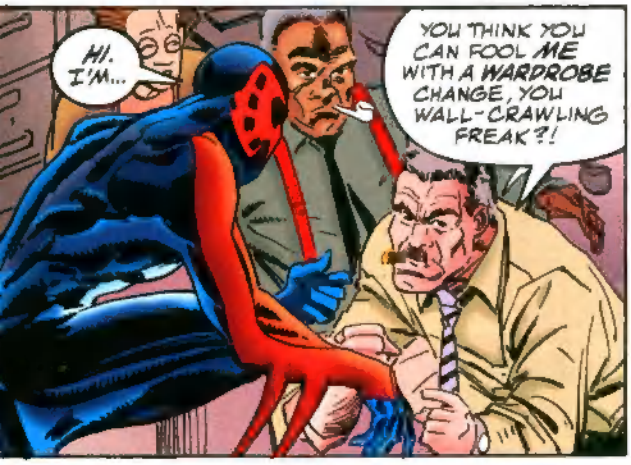
OKAY. LET'S GET...
...UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL.
NO! GET AWAY!
YOU WANT ME TO CRIPPLE YOU, TOO?
NO? GOOD. THEN ANSWER ME ONE QUESTION:
WHAT YEAR IS IT?
TWUH... TWENTY... NINETY NINE...
COOKAY...
LOOK, IT'S BEEN FUN. BUT NOW I SEE MY EXIT..
DOWN THERE?! YOU ARE CRAZY!
CRAZY TO GO DOWN THERE INSTEAD OF KEEP DANCING WITH YOU GUYS?
THANKS ALL THE SAME, BUT THIS IS A DISCO WORLD AND I'M STRICTLY BALLROOM.


OHHH... WHAT A NIGHT.
THAT FIGHT WITH THE VULTURE TOOK SO MUCH OUT OF ME...
...I BARELY HAD ENOUGH STRENGTH TO GET MY COSTUME OFF BEFORE FALLING INTO BED. ACHE'S WORN OFF, AT LEAST.
LIGHTS TO HALF.
HUH. WHY AREN'T THE LIGHTS COMING ON?
LYLA?
;YAWN< PETER? WHAT'RE--
EEEEEEE!!

SHOCK!!
YOU'RE SHOCKED?! YOU'RE IN MY BED AND YOU'RE SHOCKED?!
WHERE'S PETER?! WHAT'VE YOU DONE WITH HIM?!
LOOK, LADY--
I DON'T WANNA LOOK!
I MEAN LISTEN!
I MEAN--
FORGET IT! OKAY!
WHERE'S MY HUSBAND?!?
IF HE TURNS UP, GIVE HIM MY LOVE.
THIS IS A DREAM.
WAKE UP, MIGGY.
JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES...
...KEEP MOVING...
AND WAKE...
...UP.
AW, SHOCK.

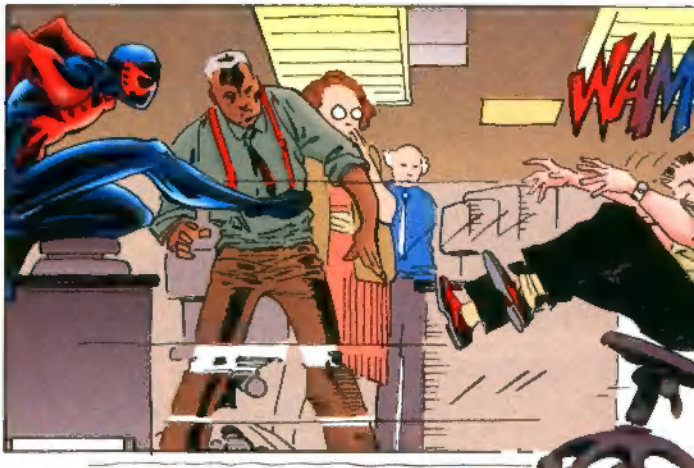
IT'S ALL HAPPENING, JUST AS OUR RECORDS INDICATE IT'S SUPPOSED TO.
AND WHAT DO WE DO?
WE GUIDE. WE SUGGEST. WE DO WHAT WE CAN.
THE REST IS UP TO THEM.
I'M BEING PUNISHED. THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.
I COULD'VE STAYED IN BED, CURLED UP TO MARY JANE. BUT NOOO... I HAD TO BE MR. INSOMNIAC. MR. "I'LL-SNEAK-OUT-AND-GET-IN-SOME-WEB-SLINGING, BE-BACK-BEFORE-SHE-WAKES-UP."
WHOA.
ONE MINUTE I'M CROUCHED ON A ROOFTOP, AND THE NEXT I'VE GOT JUDGE DREDD ON MY BUTT.
WELL, THIS SURE LOOKS AND SMELLS MORE LIKE NEW YORK DOWN HERE THAN IT DOES UPSTAIRS. IF THIS IS A DREAM...


CANCER, HUH?
THAT'S RIGHT. SOAKED INTO THE SKIN.
WELL, THAT'S VERY INT--
WHAT THE BLAZES IS GOING ON HERE ?!?
HE...HE SAYS HE'S SPIDER-MAN FROM THE YEAR 2099...AND HE WANTS HELP RESEARCHING TODAY'S EVENTS...TRY AND FIGURE OUT WHY HE'S...
HAVE YOU ALL GONE COMPLETELY CRACKERS?!


HI. I'M...
YOU THINK YOU CAN FOOL ME WITH A WARDROBE CHANGE, YOU WALL-CRAWLING FREAK?!

WHATEVER YOUR DEMENTED PLAN IS, IT WON'T WORK!

YOU NO GOOD, SNOT FACED...!


WAM

YOU, UHM... JUST DECKED OUR BOSS.
WELL, HE'S A JERK. SO...ANY VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ME RESEARCH THE--
YO.
RIGHT HERE.
ME FIRST.
READY WHEN YOU ARE.

I'LL COME STRAIGHT TO THE POINT, MR. STONE. OUR INSTRUMENTS HERE AT STARK-FUJIKAWA HAVE DETECTED SOME ODD ENERGY FLUCTUATIONS FROM YOUR MAIN RESEARCH FACILITY.
WE'VE SEEN NOTHING LIKE IT IN A CENTURY. AND, AS I RECALL, BY MUTUAL ACCORD...
...THE TECHNOLOGY THAT CAUSED IT WAS DEEMED ILLEGAL. YOU WOULDN'T BE EXPERIMENTING WITH ANYTHING LIKE THAT, WOULD YOU?
OF COURSE NOT, HIKARU-SAMA. WHY, WE AT ALCHEMAX HAVE BEEN AS DILIGENT AND CAUTIOUS IN OUR ACTIVITIES AS YOU HAVE. MORE SO.
MY ESTEEMED ANCESTOR, FUJIKAWA-SAMA, LEARNED THE DANGERS OF TAMPERING WITH THESE MATTERS. YOU UNDERSTAND MY CONCERN. WOULD YOU OBJECT IF I HAPPENED BY TO INSPECT YOUR FACILITIES?
IF I WERE LESS FORGIVING, SIR, I'D TAKE OFFENSE. FAR BE IT FROM ME TO TURN AWAY SUCH AN AUGUST GUEST. VISIT AT YOUR LEISURE.
I WILL INDEED, SIR. I WILL INDEED.

I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS HAPPENED, OR HOW I GOT HERE... AND IF I DON'T FIND OUT, I'LL...
I'LL WHAT? STAY HERE?
WOULD THAT BE SO BAD?
SURE, COPS WERE OUT TO GET ME. BUT THAT'S HARDLY NEW. FOR THAT MATTER, THERE DON'T SEEM TO BE ANY DOWN HERE.
MAYBE A CHANCE TO START OVER. BE THE ONE AND ONLY ME, FOR ONCE.
IT'D... IT'D KILL ME NEVER TO SEE MJ AGAIN... AND THE OTHERS...
BUT MAYBE THEY'D BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT ME.
AND I'D BE QUITS OF GUYS LIKE DOC OCK AND...
THE VULTURE IS DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, S-MAN!
HERE I HOPED AFTER OUR RECENT BROUHAHA, YOU'D HAVE THE SMARTS TO STAY CLEAR OF DOWNTOWN!
AW, MAAAN...

WE'VE HAD SUCH AN INTERESTING RELATIONSHIP, YOU AND I. FROM OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER, WHERE I BARELY PULLED OUT OF A DEATH DIVE BEFORE GOING SPLAT...
...THEN OUR LITTLE TO-DO YESTERDAY...
AND NOW THIS! OUR FINAL ENCOUNTER!
I'LL FEAST ON YOUR LIVING HEART, S-MAN... AND AS YOU WELL KNOW, THAT'S NO FIGURE OF SPEECH!
I'M SORRY, DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
I WAS TOO BUSY STIFLING A YAWN.
AN ENTIRE CENTURY GOES BY, AND YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE NEXT LEVEL OF BAD GUY?
GIVE UNTO ME A BREAK.
UNHHHHH!!

I MEAN, KATO KAELIN COULD TAKE YOU OUT.
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU THINK I COULD BE BEATEN BY A LONG-DEAD EX-PRESIDENT...
BUT TELL ME TRUE, S-MAN... WOULD FORMER PRESIDENT KAELIN SLAUGHTER A CROWD OF BYSTANDERS JUST BECAUSE YOU ANGERED HIM?
YOU WOULDN'T!
BET THEIR LIFE ON THAT?
WHAT I'D BET, "VULTURE," IS THAT YOU'LL BE UNCONSCIOUS IN FIVE SECONDS!
FIVE...
FOUR...
AW, SCREW IT.
ONE!
UHHHHHH!!

WELL, THAT WAS INTERESTING.
SPIDER-MAN! WE WANT TO BE AMONG YOUR FOLLOWERS!
MAKE US ONE OF YOU!
BAPTIZE US AS A SPIDER-ITE! PLEASE!
GEEZ LOUISE!
IT FELT LESS CREEPY BACK WHEN JONAH JAMESON WAS TURNING PEOPLE AGAINST ME!
WAY TO HANDLE 'IM, BIG BROTHER. YOU WERE IN TOP FORM.
BUT WHY THE NEW COSTUME?
NO, FORGET IT. JUST LOOK OVER THERE...

KASEY'S THERE. SHE'S STILL HUNG UP ON YOU. IF I CAN GET YOU TO GO OVER... TALK TO HER... IT'D SCORE ME MAJOR POINTS.
WELL, HE'S TALKING FAST, BUT THE S-MAN IS JUST STANDING THERE.
WONDER WHAT GIVES?
WHY'RE YOU JUST STANDING THERE?! LOOK, "SPIDER-MAN" TO ME YOU'RE STILL JUST MIGUEL O'HARA, SO DON'T GET...
OY. HAVE YOU GOT THE WRONG WEBHEAD.
AW SHOCK. AW... AW SHOCK, YOU'RE... YOU'RE NOT...
FORGET I SAID THAT NAME! FORGET I'M ALIVE!
IN FACT, JUST KILL ME! IT'LL SAVE HIM FROM DOING IT LATER!
I WON'T BLAB!
IN FACT... I COULD USE YOUR HELP DESPERATELY.
WILLYA SAY HI TO MY GIRL?
CALM DOWN, WILLYA!
DON'T PUSH IT, KID.
I'M HAVIN' A BAD DAY.

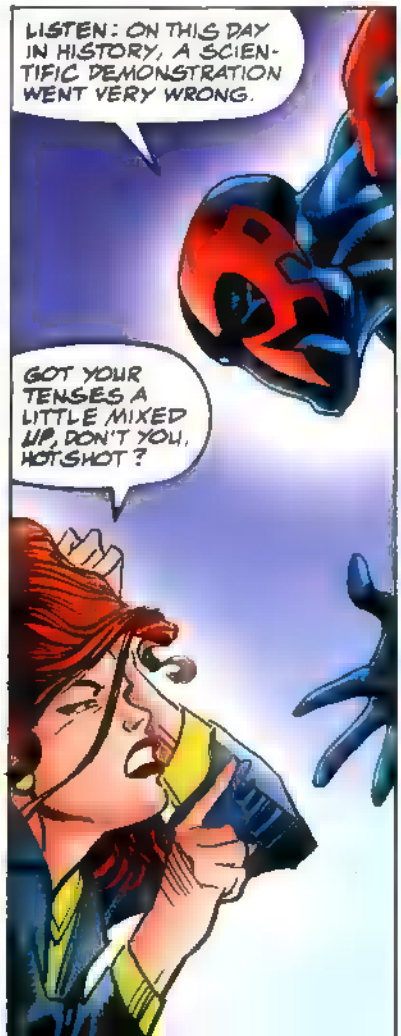
DAILY BUGLE
SOMETHING ABOUT THIS DATE... TODAY'S DATE...
IT SEEMS FAMILIAR SOMEHOW. IF I COULD JUST...
WAIT! WHAT'S THIS?
UM... FUJIKAWA INDUSTRIES, DEMONSTRATING SOME SORT OF ENERGY CONSERVATION DEVICE TODAY. NO BIG DEAL.
YOU MEAN STARK-FUJIKAWA.
NO, FUJIKAWA. A SMALL JAPANESE FIRM, TRYING TO GET THEMSELVES NOTICED.
OHHHH, MY LORD. THIS IS IT... THE FIRST DAY OF THE END.
THE END OF, UH... WHAT?
GIVE ME HARD COPY ON THIS, FAS--
HOLD IT, SPIDER-MAN!
I'LL HAVE YOUR WEBBED BUTT IN JAIL FOR THIS!

I'VE GOT WITNESSES!
THEN WITNESS THIS. IF I WERE WHO YOU THOUGHT, WOULD I DO THIS?
I'M FROM YOUR FUTURE. TODAY WILL NOT BE A GOOD DAY, AND PEOPLE WILL DIE... MAYBE ME AMONG THEM.
BUT KNOW THIS IN ANY EVENT, JAMESON...
A CENTURY FROM NOW, SPIDER-MAN IS REVERED AS A HERO. WHILE YOU...
WHILE I'M WHAT? A BUFFOON? A JOKE?
NO. YOU'RE A NOTHING. ALL YOUR RANTS AND POISON, LOST IN OBSCURITY.
SPIDER-MAN IS A GREAT CHAPTER IN OUR HISTORY, AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN A FOOTNOTE.
REMEMBER THAT... FOR WE WON'T REMEMBER YOU.
YOU'RE LYING.
YOU WISH.

AIL
UH OH. HE'S GOING TO SWING PAST HER.
BUT HE CAN'T!
LOOK DOWN, YOU IDIOT. COME ON...
THAAAAT'S IT...
DAILY BUGLE
I'LL JUST WAIT HERE UNTIL PETER SHOWS UP. THAT'S ALL.
I KNOW HE'LL COME. I KNOW--
DAILY BUGLE
GO LOOSE. WE'VE GOT TO TALK.
NOW WHAT?! NOW WHAT'S HAPPENING?!?
LEMME GO!!

TELL ME IF THIS SOUNDS FAMILIAR:
"SHOCK."
OOF!
ME.
AND YOU'RE... WHO? HIS WIFE? GIRLFRIEND? "HIS" MEANING SPIDER-MAN, OF COURSE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR GAMES, LADY.


LISTEN: ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY, A SCIENTIFIC DEMONSTRATION WENT VERY WRONG.
GOT YOUR TENSES A LITTLE MIXED UP, DON'T YOU, HOTSHOT?

FUJIKAWA INDUSTRIES TRIED TO TAP INTO AN ALTERNATE SOURCE OF POWER... WE DON'T KNOW QUITE WHAT. IT GOT OUT OF CONTROL WHEN SO-CALLED "SUPER-VILLAINS" TRIED TO TAKE IT OVER.
IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THE GOLDEN AGE OF HEROISM...
...LAUNCHING A CHAIN OF EVENTS WHICH LED TO THE GREAT CATACLYSM...

...AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF EVERY HERO...AND SPIDER-MAN WAS ONE OF THE FIRST.
I NEED TO FIND HIM, AND YOU'RE MY ONLY SHOT...AND YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE BY TRUSTING ME. WHERE IS HE?
I...
I DON'T KNOW. WE WENT TO BED LAST NIGHT...I WOKE UP...AND THERE YOU WERE.
CAN... CAN YOU... STOP THIS THING?
LADY, WOULD YOU GO RIDING INTO CUSTER'S LAST STAND, KNOWING WHAT YOU KNOW?
NO. BUT I'M NOT A HERO.
PETER ISN'T HERE...AND YOU ARE. IT MUST BE FOR A REASON OTHER THAN RUNNING AWAY.
BY THE WAY... I DON'T THINK WE'VE BEEN PROPERLY INTRODUCED.
MARY JANE PARKER. SPIDER-MAN'S WIFE.
MIGUEL O'HARA FRIEND OF THE FAMILY.
AND IF YOU TELL ME THAT WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, I'LL POP YOU ONE.

AND THAT HUGE BUILDING OVER THERE? THE ONE THAT MAKES ME... NERVOUS?
THAT? THE ALCHEMAX BUILDING. CENTER OF TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH IN NEW YORK.
C'MON. MY BROTHER'S PLACE IS JUST AHEAD.
HELLO, GABRIEL. WOULD YOUR FRIEND LIKE A BEVERAGE?
THAT'S LYLA. SHORT FOR LYRATE LIFEFORM APPROXIMATION. A HOLOAGENT THAT RUNS MIGGY'S HOME COMPUTER.
LYLA, I'VE DONE A PRELIMINARY RETSCAN ON PETER HERE...
GEEZ! HE'S GOT A HOLOGRAPH OF MARILYN MONROE!
BUT MY HOME SYSTEM'S NOT ON PAR WITH YOURS.
OF COURSE NOT, GABRIEL. I AM STATE OF THE ART, AFTER ALL.
CLEAR VIEW OF THE EYES, PLEASE.

IT'S POSSIBLE SOMEONE MIGHT NOT [redacted] ON RECORD... BUT IT'S A TRILLION TO ONE ODDS. SO IF YOU ARE WHO YOU SAY... HOW DO WE GET YOU BACK?
I DON'T KNOW. HECK, WOULD IT BE SO BAD IF I STAYED HERE?
OH, IT'S GREAT. ALCHEMAX WATCHES EVERY MOVE...
...NO FREEDOM...
IF I COULD GO BACK WITH YOU, I WOULD.
REALLY?
:SIGH: NAH. PROBABLY NOT. BUT IT'S TEMPTING.
NO MATCH, GABRIEL. OFFICIALLY, HE DOESN'T EXIST.
OFFICIALLY, UNOFFICIALLY. EVEN IN MY [redacted] TIME, I DON'T KNOW WHO, OR EVEN IF, I AM ANYMORE.
WHAT?
NEVER MIND. IT DOESN'T MATTER.
AS "TEMPTING" AS IT MIGHT BE TO STAY HERE...
I GOTTA GET HOME.
AND ALCHEMAX SEEMS AS GOOD A PLACE TO START AS ANY.

A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW, YOU DRESS UP LIKE PETER. INCREDIBLE. HAS HE MEANT THAT MUCH TO YOU?
NOT AT FIRST.
MARVEL COMICS
BUT SOMEHOW THINGS JUST SEEMED TO... EVOLVE. AND IT'S NOT JUST ME. "SPIDER-MAN" BRINGS SO MUCH HOPE TO...
WOW. THIS IS MADE FROM REAL COFFEE BEANS.
Y'KNOW... I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO HOPE YOU'RE A FAKE... OR ON THE LEVEL. IT'S NICE TO THINK THAT--
DID YOU SEE THAT?!
SEE WHAT?
HOW CAN YOU NOT?! DEAR LORD, IT'S STARTING!
WHAT'S STARTING?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO FIND OUT.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF WAVELENGTH THOSE ENERGY WAVES ARE ON, BUT MY ACCELERATED VISION IS PICKING THEM UP NO PROBLEM...
AND THEY SEEM TO BE ORIGINATING FROM THAT DIR--
WELL, WELL! NICE OUTFIT!
TOO BAD THAT YOU STOLE IT FROM ME!

I CAN SMELL AN IMPOSTOR A MILE OFF! SO WHO ARE YOU?
AN OBSESSIVE FAN? A CLONE? WHAT?
OOOOOFF!
GONE. THAT'S A RELIEF.
STRONG SILENT TYPE, HUH?
AFTER ALL THIS TIME WITH MR. "NOT-HALF-AS-FUNNY-AS-HE-THINKS," YOU'RE A PLEASANT CHANGE OF PACE.

BLA-SPLOOSH
HI THERE, CUPCAKE!
DID'JA MISS ME?
I KNOW, I KNOW, YOU'RE NEW TO THIS GAME. YOU PROBABLY FIGURED I'D CUT YOU A BREAK...
RIIIIP
CUT THIS.
ARRHHHH!!!

THE PRINCIPLE OF THIS DEVICE, WHICH COULD BE THE ENERGY SOURCE OF THE 1990'S, IS AS FOLLOWS:
BY TAPPING INTO TEMPORAL ENERGY IN THE THEORETICAL FIFTH DIMENSION, THIS GENERATOR WOULDN'T LOSE ENERGY AS IT OPERATES.
INSTEAD, THE ENERGY IS FOCUSED IN A TEMPORAL LOOP, COMING BACK TO BE RECYCLED BEFORE IT WAS USED IN THE FIRST PLACE.
IN OTHER WORDS... A PERPETUAL MOTION MACHINE.
EXCEPT... THERE SEEMS TO BE A PROBLEM.
THE PROBLEM IS THAT HIKARU IS COMING HERE!
I DON'T CARE HOW MANY DECADES IT TOOK YOU TO REDISCOVER THE TECHNOLOGY!
SHUT THE THING DOWN!
WE'VE TRIED, SIR! IT'S... IT'S IGNORING OUR OVERRIDES! IT'S LIKE IT'S CAUGHT IN AN UPWARD SPIRAL!

THIS IS THE PLACE. SPIDER-SENSE TINGLING SO BADLY, FEEL LIKE MY HEAD'S GOING TO SPLIT...
HOW DO I GET IN... WAIT... GETTING SOMETHING ELSE...
OH, GREAT. COMPANY.
TRYING TO SNEAK UP ON ME THIS TIME.
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS JAZZ.
WE'RE SPOTTED!
ALL UNITS! TAKE HIM DOWN!
THWIP
THWIP
ZAR-KOOOM

WHOA! THOSE THINGS PACK SOME PUNCH!
THANKS FOR CUTTING AN ENTRANCE FOR ME, BOYS!
ENERGY WAVES... COMING FROM DOWN HERE...
NO ONE AROUND... THEY MUST'VE CLEARED OUT...
GETTING HARD TO CONCENTRATE... GOTTA TRUST... SPIDER-SENSE...
IS THAT...
MUH... MARY JANE...?

S'FUNNY...
WE ALWAYS WANT WHAT WE DON'T HAVE.
AND THE THING WE WANT MOST IS TO KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS. TO KNOW THE SHAPE OF IT. WE SPECULATE ABOUT IT, ARGUE ABOUT IT.
AND I KNOW.
AND I WISH TO HEAVEN I DIDN'T.
UNHHH!
GET OFF ME, YOU IDIOT!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THERE'S SOMETHING HAPPENING BIGGER THAN YOU OR ME! IF YOU DON'T GET OFF ME...
DON'T YOU GET IT?! I'M OUT OF TIME!
NOTHING'S GOING TO MATTER ANYMORE! NOT YOU, NOT ME! NOTHING!

DO WE GO FORWARD OR BACK?!
YOU ACT LIKE WE'VE GOT A CHOICE!
IS THAT WHAT BEING A HERO IS, THEN? BEING TOO STUPID TO SEE OPTIONS?
NO! BEING TOO SMART TO SEE THE WRONG ONES!
THAT'S REALLY DEEP. BY THE WAY, HOW CAN YOU SEE WHERE WE'RE GOING?!
MY EYES ARE CLOSED.
FIGURES.
IT...IT STOPPED. SO WHERE ARE W--?
OH... SHOCK...
DID WE...DID WE FAIL? IS THIS...ALL THAT'S SHOCKIN' LEFT FROM...FROM WHATEVER HAPPENED?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YOU. THOSE... RIPPLES WERE LIKE NOTHING I'VE EVER EXPERIENCED. AND I'VE EXPERIENCED QUITE A LOT.
AND STOP SAYING "SHOCK." IT'S STARTING TO BUG ME.
JEEZ... IS THIS... NOW? OR YOUR FUTURE? OR MINE? OR...
IT'S MINE!

SPIDER-MEN, SPIDER-MEN, DOING THINGS BEYOND SPIDER-KEN...
IN A STATE OF TEMPORAL FLUX, UNLEASHED BY FORCES YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...
...WITH RAMIFICATIONS YOU HAVEN'T CONSIDERED.. FACING AN OPPONENT WHO'S MELDED SCIENCE WITH SORCERY...
FACING THE HOBGOBLIN OF THE YEAR 2211... WHAT CAN SPIDER-MAN ACTUALLY DO?
THE ANSWER IS... NOTHING!!
FWZAAAM
OKAY, "SPIDEY"... THE TIME AND PLAYERS MAY HAVE CHANGED, BUT THE GAME'S THE SAME...
I'LL HIGH ROAD HIM, YOU LOW ROAD HIM.
GOOD LUCK.

YOU THINK TO STOP ME? TO AVERT WHAT I'VE COME HERE TO DO!?
IDIOTS! THE 20TH CENTURY WAS JUST THE BEGINNING, SPIDER-MAN!
AND A HUNDRED YEARS LATER, CHAPTER TWO WAS WRIT!
BUT ALL GOOD THINGS COME IN THREES, AND THE FINAL CHAPTER...
...IS WRITTEN IN MY TIME!
DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF SOME POOR, BENIGHTED SOULS TO TRY AND CHANGE THE WAY THINGS WILL BE!
THE SEEDS OF THE GREAT DOING ARE ALREADY SOWN! WHAT YOU CONSIDER "REAL" IS ALREADY BEING UNDONE, A BIT AT A TIME.
BUT IT'S TAKING TOO LONG. MY ASSOCIATES-- YOU CAN SEE THEM COMING THROUGH NOW-- HAVE GROWN IMPATIENT.
SO I'VE FASHIONED THESE CYBER-ORGANIC DEVICES. I CALL THEM RETCON BOMBS!

THEY'LL BLAST YOU RIGHT OUT OF THE TIME STREAM. IT'LL BE AS IF YOU NEVER EXISTED.
GOOD-BYE, SPIDER-MEN!
THWAZ
THWAZ
NO! I KILLED YOU! IT CAN'T BE...
SPIDER-MAN!!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS! SPIDER-MAN 2099...2211...
WHEN IT REACHES 2500, SELL!
FALL BACK, GENTS! YOU'VE DONE YOUR JOB!!
WE DID?!
WHAT WAS IT?!
CAN'T TELL YOU, SON. VERY CONFIDENTIAL, PLUS IT INVOLVES A LOT OF MATH.
NOW STAND BACK AND LET MY GUIDED WEBBING DO THE REST!
AW MAN, I'M GONNA PUKE.

IT...
IT STOPPED?
BUT WHAT HAPPENED? AND...AND DID PETER...?
YOU CALLED?
MIGGY! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER GUY? AND THERE WAS THIS HUGE FLASH AT ALCHEMAX...!
QUIET, OKAY, GABRI? I GOTTA CHECK...
CHECK WHAT? WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT?
OUR HISTORY. ACCORDING TO THE RICHARDS DOCTRINE, IT SHOULD BE UNCHANGED...
BUT WE WERE DEALING WITH TECHNOLOGIES BEYOND ANYTHING RICHARDS EVER...
NOPE. UNCHANGED.
SEE? THE HEROES STILL VANISHED. EVENTS SURROUNDING IT REMAIN VAGUE, BUT NOTHING HAS...
HOLD IT. THE DATE'S GONE.
I'VE READ THIS TEXT BEFORE AND THERE WAS A DATE...A DATE IT WAS ALL SET INTO MOTION... BUT IT'S GONE.
WHAT DATE? I DON'T REMEMBER A DATE.

THE DATE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THE HEROIC AGE. WE LEARNED IT IN SCHOOL!
YEAH? WHAT WAS IT, THEN?
IT WAS...
I...I DON'T REMEMBER...
CRULLER?
NO!
HOW CAN YOU KNOW SOMETHING ONE MINUTE AND FORGET IT THE NEXT?
IT'S COMMONPLACE. GO TO A ROOM FOR SOMETHING AND FORGET WHY. A TOTAL STRANGER GREETS YOU BY NAME. EVENTS DON'T JIBE.
MAYBE RICHARDS WAS WRONG. MAYBE THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM IS IN CONSTANT FLUX, ALWAYS HICCUPING.
WE CHALK THE "TIME BURPS" UP TO POOR MEMORY. BUT WHAT IF IT'S NOT?
WHAT IF REALITY IS BARELY HANGING TOGETHER, AND A PULL ON THE WRONG THREAD UNRAVELS IT WHAT THEN?
THEN WE HAVE A CRULLER?
:SIGH: OKAY.
LEONARDO & WILLIAMSON
SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE WHAT I DO IS A WASTE. BUT JUST THINK...WHAT I DO DOESN'T JUST AFFECT THE WORLD AROUND ME...
IT AFFECTS WORLDS I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE, PEOPLE WHOSE PARENTS' PARENTS AREN'T EVEN BORN YET.
THAT'S THE CLOSEST I'LL COME TO IMMORTALITY.
IT'S JUST PHYSICS. EVERY ACTION HAS AN EQUAL AND OPPOSITE REACTION. CONSIDERING HOW OFTEN YOU'VE COME CLOSE TO DEATH...
IT ONLY MAKES SENSE YOU SHOULD NEARLY LIVE FOREVER.
BE CAREFUL, WOULD'JA PLEASE?
PEOPLE ARE COUNTING ON YOU.
I KNOW, BABE. BELIEVE ME... I SHOCKIN' KNOW.